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In re Application of  
Brown, Van H.  
Application No. 10/661,201  
Filed: November 12, 2003  
For: Pet Chew Toy

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A petition for access under 37 CFR 1.14(j) (now 1.14(h)) was filed by Michael Brooks on behalf of Christopher Alan Weinberg for identification of and access to the above-identified application on February 27, 2004.

The petition was not filed with proof of service upon applicant. Accordingly, a copy of the petition papers filed October 27, 2004 is enclosed.

A member of the public may be entitled to access if "special circumstances" are shown which warrant a grant of access under 35 U.S.C. § 122. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 103.

The above referenced application claims priority to provisional application no. 60/410,098. Petitioner was named as an inventor in the '098 provisional application. Petitioner states that special circumstances exist in that he is at least an owner of the subject matter in a predecessor provisional application if not an inventor who should have been named in the above-identified application. As result of his ownership/inventorship of the '098 application he needs access to the above referenced application to ascertain his rights.

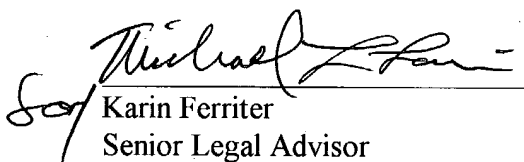
Applicants are hereby given **THREE WEEKS** from the date of this letter to file a response to this letter. If applicants fail to respond within the three week period, petitioner may be allowed access to the entire application. See MPEP Section 103.

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